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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 11-46 and 50-67 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7, 11-46 and 50-67 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 59 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

The numbering of claims is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.126 which requires the original numbering of the claims to be preserved throughout the prosecution. When claims are canceled, the remaining claims must not be renumbered. When new claims are presented, they must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claims previously presented (whether entered or not).

Claim 58 appears twice, for examining purpose 58 is considered 59. Proper numbering is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 2,7,11-46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yacenda et al (5822418) and further in view of Bennett, III et al (6370233).

3. Regarding claim 2 Yacenda et al teaches a system for managing telephone service for a plurality of persons sharing a common telephone line based on determining whether a person sharing the common telephone line is at the location served by the common telephone line, comprising (figs. 1 and 22):

a transmitter periodically emitting a unique signal (col.4, lines 4-10, col. 9, lines 1-21);

a base station containing a receiver; said base station further containing a processor (col.4, lines 12-14);

a base station database containing for each person, at least one unique record, said unique record corresponding to said person and correlating said unique signal emitted by said transmitter to said unique record in said base station database (col. 4, lines 12-14);

a telephone connection from the base station to a local telephone network controller (figs.1, 2, element 14); and

a network database maintained by said local telephone network controller, said network database containing a plurality of network database records, each of said network database records corresponding to a telephone number in a local telephone network (col. 8, lines 44-55,col. 18, lines 33-50);

wherein said signal emitted said transmitter of sufficient strength to be received by said receiver only when said transmitter is in close proximity to said receiver (col. 8, lines 64-col. 9, lines 10); and

wherein when said base station receives said unique signal from said transmitter, the base station processor makes an entry in the base station database record corresponding to said transmitter, recording a receipt of said unique signal (col.9, lines 1-21);

wherein when said base station fails to receive said unique signal from said transmitter for a predetermined period of time, the base station processor makes an

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entry in the base station database record corresponding to said transmitter, recording a failure to receive said signal (col.14, lines 35-39, col. 17, lines 30-40); and wherein, upon detecting a change in at least one of said records in said base station database, the base station initiates a telephone call to said local telephone network controller, uploads said base station database into the network database, and thereafter disconnects said telephone call, thereby updating said network database to record whether said person is at the given location (col.17, lines 30-45 and 48-60, col. 14, lines 52-54, col. 16, lines 5-15). A locator, which is connected to the telephone controller, provides location information. Yacenda et al teaches, the locator comprises multiple portable badges engaged with the corresponding users and transmits badge information including an identification signal for identifying the user associated with the respective badge. Multiple transceivers (50,52,54) are provided, each of which is operatively connected to the PBX and receives the badge information transmitted from the badges. Each transceiver further electrically forwards a portion of the badge information to the processing unit, to determine location information of the users. A database stores the location information including an archival location data including last location and the time at the last location for each user. The archival location is accessible from any of the telephones. The locator is selectively accessed by the PBX, for retrieving the location information, from any of the telephones. The retrieved location information is transmitted to the selected telephone. One of several telephone functions for use in conjunction with the location information for communicating with a called user is selectively activated. Yacenda et al do not specifically teach wherein the telephone

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network controller determines how to provide services to the persons sharing the common telephone line in accordance with the updated network database records.

In an analogous art, Bennett, III et al teaches wherein the telephone network controller determines how to provide services to the persons sharing the common telephone line in accordance with the updated network database records (col. 2, lines 6-12, 31-64, col. 3, lines 1-8). Home security system has call management controller for enabling, disabling or modifying telephone service based on users's presence and identity. The call management controller (16) is connected to telephone network (28) for enabling, disabling or modifying telephone services (26) selected from night mode privacy, automated attendant, follow me service, kid control, maid minder and voice mail delivery based on user's presence and identity. The user presence is identified by a security controller (14). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Yacenda et al by specifically provide services to the persons sharing the common telephone line in order to enhance security system with call management functionality for home owners performance the control function purpose of clean the household environment as taught by Bennett, III et al.

Regarding claim 3 Yacenda et al teaches wherein the transmitter is in the form of a card that fits into a wallet (col. 5, lines 16-25).

Regarding claim 4 Yacenda et al teaches wherein the transmitter is in the form of a fob that can be attached to a key chain (col. 26, lines 35-40).

Regarding claim 5 Yacenda et al teaches wherein the receiver is contained in a base station combined with a telephone into a single unit (fig. 2, element 14).

Regarding claim 6 Yacenda et al teaches wherein the receiver is contained in a base station comprising a self-contained unit separate from a telephone (fig. 2, element 14, 52).

Regarding claim 7 Yacenda et al teaches wherein said network database is utilized to determine an identity of said person who is at the given location and further to provide specialized telephone services to said person (col. 21, lines 10-19, see claim 2 for common telephone line).

Regarding claim 11 Yacenda et al teaches the use of voice recognition means for identifying the person being called (col. 24, lines 60-65).

Regarding claim 12 Yacenda et al teaches the use of touchtone means for identifying the person being called (col. 24, lines 60-65).

Regarding claim 13 Yacenda et al teaches wherein the local telephone network controller permits an incoming telephone call to be completed only if a person being called is at the given location (col. 21, lines 7-15, col. 22, lines 15-35, see claim 2 for common telephone line).

Regarding claim 14 Yacenda et al teaches wherein, upon a determination that that the person being called is not at the given location, the local telephone network controller returns to a caller a signal indicating that a telephone is ringing without being answered (col. 22, lines 15-35, see claim 2 for common telephone line).

Regarding claim 15 Yacenda et al teaches upon a determination that the person being called is not at the given location, the local telephone network controller automatically transfers a caller to a voice mailbox (col. 14, lines 40-48, see claim 2 for common telephone line).

Regarding claim 16 Yacenda et al teaches wherein, upon a determination that the person being called is not at the given location, the local telephone network controller automatically transfers a caller to a predetermined alternative telephone number (col. 14, lines 35-60, col. 17, lines 35-47, see claim 2 for common telephone line).

Regarding claim 17 Yacenda et al teaches wherein, upon a determination that the person being called is not at the given location, the local telephone network controller permits a caller to select another call recipient (col. 14, lines 35-60, see claim 2 for common telephone line).

Regarding claim 18 Yacenda et al teaches wherein the local telephone network controller permits a call waiting signal to be given only if a person being called is at the given location (col. 17, lines 40-47, see claim 2 for common telephone line).

Regarding claims 19-26 Yacenda et al teaches the locator comprises multiple portable badges engaged with the corresponding users and transmits badge information including an identification signal for identifying the user associated with the respective badge. Multiple transceivers (50,52,54) are provided, each of which is operatively connected to the PBX and receives the badge information transmitted from the badges. Each transceiver further electrically forwards a portion of the badge information to the

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processing unit, to determine location information of the users. A database stores the location information including an archival location data including last location and the time at the last location for each user. The archival location is accessible from any of the telephones. The locator is selectively accessed by the PBX, for retrieving the location information, from any of the telephones. The retrieved location information is transmitted to the selected telephone. One of several telephone functions for use in conjunction with the location information for communicating with a called user is selectively activated. Yacenda et al do not specifically teach for each of said subscriber telephone numbers corresponding to a common telephone line shared by a plurality of persons, a list of at least one restricted outbound telephone numbers permitted to be completed by at least one required person but not all of the plurality of persons sharing the common telephone line, wherein an outbound telephone call from one of said subscriber telephone numbers corresponding to a common telephone line to one of said restricted outbound telephone numbers for that common telephone line can be completed only if the required person is determined by the database records to be at the location of the common telephone line.

In an analogous art, Bennett, III et al teaches for each of said subscriber telephone numbers corresponding to a common telephone line shared by a plurality of persons (col. 2, lines 6-12, 31-64, col. 3, lines 1-8), a list of at least one restricted outbound telephone numbers permitted to be completed by at least one required person but not all of the plurality of persons sharing the common telephone line (col. 3, lines 9-30), wherein an outbound telephone call from one of said subscriber telephone numbers

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corresponding to a common telephone line to one of said restricted outbound telephone numbers for that common telephone line can be completed only if the required person is determined by the database records to be at the location of the common telephone line (col. 2, lines 6-12, 31-64, col. 3, lines 1-32). Home security system has call management controller for enabling, disabling or modifying telephone service based on users's presence and identity. The call management controller (16) is connected to telephone network (28) for enabling, disabling or modifying telephone services (26) selected from night mode privacy, automated attendant, follow me service, kid control, maid minder and voice mail delivery based on user's presence and identity. The user presence is identified by a security controller (14). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Yacenda et al by specifically provide services to the persons sharing the common telephone line in order to enhance security system with call management functionality for home owners performance the control restrictions on outgoing telephone calls purpose of clean the household environment as taught by Bennett, III et al.

Regarding claims 27-46 Yacenda et al teaches a database of at least one subscriber telephone numbers that have restrictions on inbound telephone calls; and for each of said subscriber telephone numbers, a list of at least one restricted inbound telephone numbers, wherein an inbound telephone call to one of said subscriber telephone numbers from one of said restricted inbound telephone numbers can be completed only if at least one required person is at the given location (col. 13, lines 16-

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65, col. 17, lines 15-65). Telephone usage information indicating permissible telephone usage, ID of registered user and permissible usage time constraint, are stored for each registered user and receiving an incoming call, wherein a telephone number of the incoming call is stored by the incoming call identifier of the telephone system, receiving a first series of dialing signals entered by the user wherein the first series of dialing signals includes call information that includes an identification of the user and comparing the call information to the telephone usage information and denying use of the telephone system to the user if the comparing is indicative of a denial of usage condition. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Yacenda et al by specifically adding feature incoming and outgoing call restricted purpose of the use for stop the confine call in order to enhance monitoring incoming and outgoing call performance the control function purpose of clean the household environment as taught by Borland et al. Yacenda et al teaches, the locator comprises multiple portable badges engaged with the corresponding users and transmits badge information including an identification signal for identifying the user associated with the respective badge. Multiple transceivers (50,52,54) are provided, each of which is operatively connected to the PBX and receives the badge information transmitted from the badges. Each transceiver further electrically forwards a portion of the badge information to the processing unit, to determine location information of the users. A database stores the location information including an archival location data including last location and the time at the last location for each user. The archival location is accessible from any of the telephones. The

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locator is selectively accessed by the PBX, for retrieving the location information, from any of the telephones. The retrieved location information is transmitted to the selected telephone. One of several telephone functions for use in conjunction with the location information for communicating with a called user is selectively activated. Yacenda et al do not specifically teach wherein the telephone network controller determines how to provide services to the persons sharing the common telephone line in accordance with the updated network database records. Yacenda et al do not specifically teach the persons sharing the common telephone line.

In an analogous art, Bennett, III et al teaches the persons sharing the common telephone line (col. 2, lines 6-12, 31-64, col. 3, lines 1-8). Home security system has call management controller for enabling, disabling or modifying telephone service based on users's presence and identity. The call management controller (16) is connected to telephone network (28) for enabling, disabling or modifying telephone services (26) selected from night mode privacy, automated attendant, follow me service, kid control, maid minder and voice mail delivery based on user's presence and identity. The user presence is identified by a security controller (14). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Yacenda et al by specifically provide services to the persons sharing the common telephone line in order to enhance security system with call management functionality for home owners performance the control function purpose of clean the household environment as taught by Bennett, III et al.

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Claims 50-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yacenda et al (5822418) and further in view of Borland et al (6246756).

Regarding claims 50-56 Yacenda et al teaches a system for restricting completion of a telephone call to permit said telephone call to be completed only when a required person is present, comprising (figs. 1 and 22):

a transmitter periodically emitting a unique signal (col.4, lines 4-10, col. 9, lines 1-21);

a base station containing a receiver (col.4, lines 12-14); said base station further containing a processor (col.4, lines 12-14), a base station database containing at least one unique record, said unique record corresponding to said person and correlating said unique signal emitted by said transmitter to said unique record in said base station database (col.4, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 34-45);

the base station processor being arranged to make an entry in the base station database record that corresponds to said transmitter (col. 4, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 34-65), recording a receipt of said unique signal; the base station processor being arranged to make an entry in the base station database record that corresponds to said transmitter, recording a failure to receive said signal for a predetermined period of time (col. 14, lines 35-39, col. 17, lines 30-40);

a telephone connection from the base station to a local telephone network controller, a network database maintained by said local telephone network controller, said network database containing a plurality of network database records; the base station processor being arranged, upon detecting a change in at least one of said records in said base

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station database (col.4, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 34-45,col. 26, lines 56-67,col. 28, lines 1-38), to initiate a telephone call to said local telephone network controller, to upload said base station database into the network database, and thereafter to disconnect said telephone call, thereby updating said network database(col.17, lines 30-45 and 48-60, col. 14, lines 52-54, col. 16, lines 5-15). Yacenda et al teaches the system includes a private branch exchange PBX (10), having a processing unit and several telephones (12,14,16) for enabling telephone communication between several users. A locator, which is connected to the telephone controller, provides location information. The locator comprises multiple portable badges engaged with the corresponding users and transmits badge information including an identification signal for identifying the user associated with the respective badge. Multiple transceivers (50,52,54) are provided, each of which is operatively connected to the PBX and receives the badge information transmitted from the badges. Each transceiver further electrically forwards a portion of the badge information to the processing unit, to determine location information of the users. A database stores the location information including an archival location data including last location and the time at the last location for each user. The archival location is accessible from any of the telephones. The locator is selectively accessed by the PBX, for retrieving the location information, from any of the telephones. The retrieved location information is transmitted to the selected telephone. One of several telephone functions for use in conjunction with the location information for communicating with a called user is selectively activated. Yacenda et al do not specifically teach a database of at least one subscriber telephone numbers that have

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restrictions on outgoing telephone calls, and for each of said subscriber telephone numbers, a list of at least one restricted outbound telephone numbers, wherein an outbound telephone call from one of said subscriber telephone numbers to one of said restricted outbound telephone numbers can be completed only if a required person is at the giver location.

In an analogous art, Borland et al teaches a database of at least one subscriber telephone numbers that have restrictions on outgoing telephone calls, and for each of said subscriber telephone numbers, a list of at least one restricted outbound telephone numbers, wherein an outbound telephone call from one of said subscriber telephone numbers to one of said restricted outbound telephone numbers can be completed only if a required person is at the giver location (col. 15, lines 20-65, col. 16, lines 25-65).

Claims 57-67 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yacenda et al (5822418) and further in view of Simon et al (20010050976).

Regarding claims 57,62,63,65 Yacenda et al teaches a system for restricting completion of a telephone call to permit said telephone call to be completed only when a required person is present, comprising (figs. 1-22):

a transmitter periodically emitting a unique signal; a base station containing a receiver; said base station further containing a processor (col.4, lines 4-14, col. 9, lines 1-21),

a base station database containing at least one unique record, said unique record corresponding to said person and correlating said unique signal emitted by said

transmitter to said unique record in said base station database (col.8, lines 44-55, col. 18, lines 33-50);

the base station processor being arranged to make an entry in the base station database record that corresponds to said transmitter, recording a receipt of said unique signal (col. 8, lines 44-55, col. 18, lines 33-50, col. 9, lines 1-21);

the base station processor being arranged to make an entry in the base station database record that corresponds to said transmitter, recording a failure to receive said signal when said base station fails to receive said unique signal from said transmitter for a predetermined period of time (col.14, lines 35-39, col. 17, lines 30-40);

a telephone connection from the base station to a local telephone network controller (figs 1,2, element 14);

a network database maintained by said local telephone network controller, said network database containing a plurality of network database records (col. 8, lines 44-55, col. 18, lines 33-50, col. 9, lines 1-21);

the base station processor being arranged, upon detecting a change in at least one of said records in said base station database, to initiate a telephone call to said local telephone network controller, to upload said base station database into the network database, and thereafter to disconnect said telephone call, thereby updating said network database (col.17, lines 30-45 and 48-60, col. 14, lines 52-54, col. 16, lines 5-15);

a database of at least one subscriber telephone numbers that have restrictions on inbound telephone calls (col. 13, lines 16-65, col. 17, lines 15-65);

for each of said subscriber telephone numbers that have restrictions on inbound telephone calls, a database list of at least one restricted inbound telephone numbers (col. 13, lines 16-65, col. 17, lines 15-65, col.4, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 34-45,col. 26, lines 56-67,col. 28, lines 1-38);

the network controller being arranged, when an inbound telephone call to one of said subscriber telephone numbers is made from one of said restricted inbound telephone numbers, to check the network database to determine whether the inbound telephone call is to one of the subscriber telephone numbers that homes restrictions on inbound telephone calls (col. 13, lines 16-65, col. 17, lines 15-65, col.4, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 34-45,col. 26, lines 56-67,col. 28, lines 1-38);

when an inbound telephone call to one of said subscriber telephone numbers is determined to be to one of the subscriber telephone numbers that has restrictions on inbound telephone calls, means for checking the list of restricted inbound telephone numbers to determine whether a number being called may be completed only if at least one required person is present (col. 13, lines 16-65, col. 17, lines 15-65, col.4, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 34-45,col. 26, lines 56-67,col. 28, lines 1-38);

wherein when it is determined that a number being called may be completed only if at least one required person is present, the network controller is arranged to check the updated network database to determine whether said at least one person is present; and the network controller being arranged to permit said restricted inbound telephone call to be completed only if said at least one required person is present (col. 13, lines 16-65, col. 17, lines 15-65, col.4, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 34-45,col. 26, lines 56-67,col.

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28, lines 1-38). Yacenda et al teaches, the locator comprises multiple portable badges engaged with the corresponding users and transmits badge information including an identification signal for identifying the user associated with the respective badge.

Multiple transceivers (50,52,54) are provided, each of which is operatively connected to the PBX and receives the badge information transmitted from the badges. Each transceiver further electrically forwards a portion of the badge information to the processing unit, to determine location information of the users. A database stores the location information including an archival location data including last location and the time at the last location for each user. The archival location is accessible from any of the telephones. The locator is selectively accessed by the PBX, for retrieving the location information, from any of the telephones. The retrieved location information is transmitted to the selected telephone. One of several telephone functions for use in conjunction with the location information for communicating with a called user is selectively activated. Yacenda et al do not specifically teach electronic mail.

In an analogous art, Simon et al teaches electronic mail (para. # 0030,0070-0073). Home security system integrated with telephone system and/or Internet has first communication port for connection to one of control signal I/O port of security controller for providing at least one communication function to user. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of Yacenda et al by specifically adding feature E-mail in order to enhance improves the security of communications between the home and an external data network purpose of clean the household environment as taught by Simon et al.

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Regarding claim 58 Yacenda et al teaches wherein the list of restricted inbound telephone numbers is maintained within the base station (col. 13, lines 16-65, col. 17, lines 15-65, col.4, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 34-45,col. 26, lines 56-67,col. 28, lines 1-38).

Regarding claim 59 Yacenda et al teaches wherein said list of restricted inbound telephone numbers is uploaded to the local telephone network controller whenever there is a change to said list of restricted inbound telephone numbers (col. 13, lines 16-65, col. 17, lines 15-65, col.4, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 34-45,col. 26, lines 56-67,col. 28, lines 1-38).

Regarding claim 60 Yacenda et al teaches wherein the list of restricted inbound telephone numbers is maintained within the local telephone network controller (col. 13, lines 16-65, col. 17, lines 15-65, col.4, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 34-45,col. 26, lines 56-67,col. 28, lines 1-38).

Regarding claim 61 Yacenda et al teaches wherein the list of restricted inbound telephone numbers is updated by telephoning a customer service department within a local telephone network provider (col. 13, lines 16-65, col. 17, lines 15-65, col.4, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 34-45,col. 26, lines 56-67,col. 28, lines 1-38).

Regarding claim 62 Yacenda et al teaches wherein the list of restricted inbound telephone numbers is updated by electronic mail to a customer service department within a local telephone network provider.

Regarding claim 63 Yacenda et al teaches wherein the list of restricted inbound telephone numbers is updated by mail to a customer service department within a local

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telephone network provider (col. 13, lines 16-65, col. 17, lines 15-65, col.4, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 34-45,col. 26, lines 56-67,col. 28, lines 1-38).

Regarding claim 64 Yacenda et al teaches further comprising means for playing an announcement to a caller explaining that said inbound telephone call cannot be completed if said at least one required person is not present (col. 13, lines 16-65, col. 17, lines 15-65, col.4, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 34-45,col. 26, lines 56-67,col. 28, lines 1-38).

Regarding claim 66 Yacenda et al teaches further comprising means for automatically transferring a caller to a voice mailbox if said at least one required person is not present (col. 13, lines 16-65, col. 17, lines 15-65, col.4, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 34-45,col. 26, lines 56-67,col. 28, lines 1-38).

Regarding claim 67 Yacenda et al teaches further comprising means for transferring a caller to a predetermined alternative telephone number if said at least one required person is not present (col. 13, lines 16-65, col. 17, lines 15-65, col.4, lines 5-25, col. 7, lines 34-45,col. 26, lines 56-67,col. 28, lines 1-38).

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-7,11-46,50-67 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KHAWAR IQBAL whose telephone number is 703-306-3015.

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